

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted in full response to the Final Office Action dated April 27, 2004 as well as the Advisory Action dated September 3, 2004. Applicant recognizes the previous amendment filed in response to the above-noted Final Office Action was not in the proper format.

The present amendment is believed to be fully responsive and overcome all of the noted objections set forth in the currently outstanding Advisory Action. Applicant notes the Examiner's comments on page three indicating that the content of the previously proposed amendment, if properly presented, would result in allowance of the application. Accordingly, this amendment is believed to place this case in condition for allowance.

In the Final Office Action of April 27, 2004, claims 1 through 22 and 29 through 34 remained in this application, wherein claims 1 through 15 and 30 through 34 were indicated as being allowed. In addition, claims 21 and 22 stand objected to only, but were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Claims 16 through 20 and 29 stand rejected.

In order to expedite the prosecution of this application and without addressing the substantive issues of the outstanding rejection, independent claim 16 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 21 thereby placing amended claim 16 and all of the remaining claims dependent thereon in

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condition for allowance. Claims 17 through 21 and 23 through 29 have been canceled without prejudice to presenting the content thereof in a continuing application.

Based on the submission of this amendment, which is believed to be in the proper format, Applicant contends that this application is now in clear condition for allowance and such action is respectfully solicited.

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